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Re: MDL-1456 -- In re Pharmaceutical Industry Average Wholesale Price Litigation

County of Westchester v. Abbott Laboratories, Inc., et al., S.D. New York, C.A. No. 7:03-6178

Motion and Brief Due on or before: November 12, 2003

Dear Mr. Litt:

We have received and filed your Notice of Opposition to the proposed transfer of the referenced action for coordinated or consolidated pretrial proceedings. In accordance with Rule 7.4(c) of the Rules of Procedure of the Judicial Panel on Multidistrict Litigation, 199 F.R.D. 425, 435 (2001), the conditional transfer order is stayed until further order of the Panel. You must adhere to the following filing requirements:

- Pursuant to Panel Rules 5.12(a), 5.13 and 7.4(d), an original and eleven copies of your Motion and Brief to Vacate 1) the Conditional Transfer Order, as well as a computer readable disk of the pleading in WordPerfect for Windows format, must be received in the Panel offices by the due date listed above. Fax transmission of your motion and brief will not be accepted. See Panel Rule 5.12(d). Counsel filing oppositions in more than one action are encouraged to consider filing a single motion and brief with an attached schedule of actions.
- Papers must be served on the enclosed Panel Service List. Please attach a copy of this list to your certificate 2) of service. (Counsel who have subsequently made appearances in your action should be added to your certificate of
- Rule 5.3 corporate disclosure statements are due within eleven days of the filing of the motion to vacate. 3)
- Failure to file and serve the required motion and brief within the allotted fifteen days will be considered a 4) withdrawal of the opposition and the stay of the conditional transfer order will be lifted.

Any recent official change in the status of a referenced action should be brought to the attention of the clerk's office as soon as possible by facsimile at (202) 502-2888. Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Very truly,

Michael J. Beck Clerk of the Panel

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